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FOL TEL SENT ACTION BEIRUT ATHENS INFO ROME TUNIS FROM
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SUBJECT: ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 1395 (NOTAL)

TUNIS FOR FSO HARLIE SMITH

ATHENS FOR INS PAPPAS

ROME FOR INS FALCHER

1. DEPT. AND INS CONCUR PROCESSING FIRST TRANCHE ASSYRIAN
AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN BEIRUT.

2. FOR ATHENS: INS DESIRES PAPPAS, INS/ATHENS, TO PROCEED
BEIRUT ASAP. DON SUTTER IS BEING TRANSFERRED DAMASCUS.
THEREFORE, NEA/EX REQUESTS CONSULAR OFFICER FSO-6 KARLA
SMITH IN ATHENS IN EVACUATION STATUS ALSO TO RETURN BEIRUT
ASAP. ARRIVALS SHOULD BE COORDINATED BY CABLE WITH EMBASSY
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3. FOR BEIRUT: MUCH OF PREPROCESSING WILL BE DONE BY INS.
FINAL PROCESSING OF DEPENDENTS RECEIVING NON-PREFERENCE
VISAS MUST BE DONE BY CONSULAR OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH

A 6539 OF OCT. 20, 1975. ALL PREPROCESSING OF DEPENDENTS,
HOWEVER, WILL BE PERFORMED BY INS. THUS, DEPT. BELIEVES
CLERICAL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY PROBABLY ADEQUATE
TO THIS TASK EVEN THOUGH NOT EXPERIENCED IN CONSULAR WORK.

4. FOR GENEVA: WHILE WE PERSUADED PROCESS FIRST TRANCHE
AT BEIRUT TO ASSURE AVAILABLE CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS
FULLY UTILIZED, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT OF REMAINDER TO
SAFEHAVEN LOCATION FOR SUBSEQUENT PROCESSING. THUS
REQUEST MISSION CONTINUE PRESS FOR SPEEDY DEVELOPMENT
SAFEHAVEN OPERATION. KISSINGER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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